



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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***Commonwealth Situation Report #13***  
***Tuesday, July 20, 2004***

### **1. Situation**

- A system of severe storms began moving through Southwest Virginia on May 24, 2004. Flash flooding occurred on May 24-25 in Tazewell and Russell counties. Tornadoes damaged homes in Lee County on May 28. Flash floods impacted Buchanan County and several other counties in Southwest Virginia over the June 12-15 period. On May 25 Governor Warner declared a State of Emergency for Tazewell and Russell Counties and on June 3 expanded the declaration to include Lee County.
- On June 2, Governor Warner requested that President Bush issue a major disaster declaration for Lee, Russell and Tazewell counties. He requested federal aid through the Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs.
- President Bush granted a Federal Disaster Declaration for Lee, Russell and Tazewell counties on June 15, 2004. The Commonwealth's request to add Buchanan County was approved June 29.
- On June 25, 2004, Governor Warner signed the FEMA-Commonwealth Agreement to implement joint recovery programs.
- The incident period began on May 24 and ended June 26, 2004.
- Amendment #3 to the Notice of a Major Disaster, effective July 13, 2004, made all counties and independent cities in the Commonwealth of Virginia eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

### **2. Weather Forecast for Buchanan, Russell and Tazewell Counties**

*Today and tomorrow - partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon on Wednesday. Highs in the mid to upper 80s, lows in the mid to upper 60s. West winds 5-10 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.*

### **3. Current State/Federal Priorities and Objectives**

- ☐ Implement Commonwealth Emergency Relief to Localities (CERL) Program.
- ☐ Address potential housing and rental resources issues.
- ☐ Implement the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- ☐ Manage public expectations through targeted media releases and contacts with public officials.
- ☐ Implement Other Needs Assistance (ONA) Program.
- ☐ Cease work at the DFO at COB on July 21, 2004 and demobilize July 22.

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#### **4. Recovery Activities**

##### **A. Human Services**

###### **□ Individual and Household Program**

- Housing Assistance (HA)
  - FEMA has approved four applicants for travel trailers and six applicants for mobile homes as of July 15. One mobile home and two travel trailers have been delivered and are on-site. FEMA will continue coordination of mobile homes and travel trailers from West Virginia after the closure of this DFO.
- Other Needs Assistance (ONA)
  - The Dept. of Social Services (DSS) has advised that **\$122,421.77** was approved and \$84,780.39 in ONA checks were disbursed.
- See pages **4** and **5** for statistical information on registrations, Housing Assistance, Other Needs Assistance, Small Business Administration (SBA), and the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC).
- The deadline to register for assistance is August 16, 2004.
- FEMA field inspectors have completed **804** inspections.

###### **□ Volunteer Organizations**

- ⊖ Representatives of the Mennonite Disaster Services visited the disaster area and have offered to evaluate washed-out private bridges brought to their attention by the FEMA VAL to determine if they could provide the labor to rebuild.
- ⊖ Mennonite Disaster Services are evaluating a second private bridge repair.

###### **□ Disaster Recovery Center**

- The DRC was closed at 1PM, Saturday, July 10, 2004. During the nineteen days the center was open, 348 visitors ***were counted***.
  - Help continues to be available over the FEMA helpline Monday through Friday @ 1 800 621-3362 (TTY 1 800 462-7585).

###### **□ Donations Management**

- Clinch Valley Community Action (CVCA) is continuing to provide disaster relief to all local counties. They have identified applicant needs and are shipping furniture/other items. They will be open by appointment only and expect to close within the next two weeks. The telephone number for assistance is 276-988-5583. Applicants must continue to be referred by FEMA, American Red Cross or VDEM to be eligible.

###### **□ Disaster Unemployment Assistance**

- Effective June 18, 2004, assistance is available for residents of the declared jurisdictions. Residents can call or visit the nearest Virginia Employment Office. As of 7/12/04, three applications were filed. Two were approved in the amount of \$1068 and one disapproved.

###### **□ Mental Health**

- The Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board is providing mental health assistance for residents of Tazewell, Russell and Buchanan Counties. Applicants needing mental health assistance are being provided the local telephone numbers to call for service.

**B. Mitigation**

- ❑ Mitigation staff has departed the DFO. Work is continuing from VDEM at Trade Court.

**C. Legislative Liaison**

- ❑ State legislative liaison staff continues to advise appropriate Congressional and state legislative representatives of the designated counties from VDEM at Trade Court.

**D. Public Affairs**

- ❑ Visiting newspapers in Grundy and Richlands to interest them in providing information on homeowner hazard mitigation. A news release and graphics on CD will be provided.
- ❑ A news release on changing hours for the disaster registration number has been sent to media. A one-month update release is being drafted.
- ❑ Three news releases were made on July 9 through July 12, "Submit SBA Applications", DRC Summary" and "One Month Update".
- ❑ Checking on opportunity to photograph Mennonites helping build or repair bridges for Media coverage.

**E. Miscellaneous Actions:**

- ❑ VDH (Health) and DEQ (Environmental Quality) in Russell and Tazewell Counties continue to assist citizens with evaluating drinking water safety.
- ❑ Tetanus vaccinations remain available from the local health departments.

**F. State Coordinating Officer**

- ❑ Staffing adjustments continue, **3** state personnel assigned to recovery activities.
- ❑ ***The last Commonwealth sit-rep is today, Tuesday, July 20, 2004.***
- ❑ Continuing contact with local Emergency Management Coordinators and other local officials.
- ❑ Work will cease in the DFO on COB July 21 and demobilization will begin July 22, 2004.

**G. REGIONAL CONTACT LIST AFTER CLOSE OF DFO – (804) 897-6500**

- ❑ Deputy SCO - Mary Camp – ext. 6583
- ❑ Hazard Mitigation – Deborah Mills – ext. 6563
- ❑ Human Services – Larry Braja – ext. 6538
- ❑ Local Support Services – Gordon Barwell – ext. 6611
- ❑ State Public Assistance – Bob Andersen – (804) 378-0472
- ❑ Public Information – Bertha Fegans – ext. 6510
- ❑ Technological Hazards – Brett Burdick ext. 6569

Signed, Brett Burdick, Deputy SCO

Authority of Michael M. Cline, State Coordinator  
/s/ Brett A. Burdick, Deputy State Coordinating Officer

COB: **07-19-04**

FEMA DR-1525VA

**July 20, 2004**

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	<b>916</b>			
DAILY REGISTRATION	<b>4</b>			
		DESIGNATED COUNTIES	<b>4</b>	<b>887</b>
		UNDESIGNATED COUNTIES	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>

**INDIVIDUALS & HOUSEHOLDS PROGRAM (IHP) OVERVIEW**

Eligibility Rate	<b>96%</b>	Payments Apprv'd	<b>\$1,182,223.89</b>
Registrations Referred	<b>788</b>	Payments Disb'd	<b>\$1,169,997.69</b>
Registrations Approved	<b>603</b>		
Registrations Ineligible	<b>136</b>		
Registrations Withdrawn	<b>21</b>		
Registrations Pending	<b>28</b>	IHP Max Awards	<b>38</b>

**HOUSING ASSISTANCE (HA)**

Eligibility Rate	<b>96%</b>
\$ Amount Apvd	<b>\$1,059,802.12</b>
\$ Amount Disbursed	<b>\$1,045,575.92</b>
Referrals	<b>776</b>
Approved	<b>591</b>
Ineligible	<b>141</b>
Withdrawn	<b>20</b>
Pending HA Categories	<b>24</b>

**OTHER NEEDS ASSISTANCE (ONA)**

Eligibility Rate	<b>30%</b>
\$ Amount Apvd	<b>\$122,421.77</b>
\$ Amount Disbursed	<b>\$84,780.39</b>
Referrals	<b>300</b>
Approved	<b>48</b>
Ineligible	<b>134</b>
Withdrawn	<b>7</b>
Pending ONA Categories	<b>111</b>

**INSPECTION SERVICES (IS)**

Inspections Issued	<b>807</b>
Returned to FEMA	<b>796</b>
Outstanding	<b>11</b>
Inspectors in the Field	<b>3</b>
Turnaround Time	<b>01.13.54</b>
QC Inspections	<b>47</b>
% Of Inspections Completed	<b>99%</b>

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)**

Home App. Issued	<b>454</b>
Business App. Issued	<b>69</b>
EIDL	<b>0</b>
Total App. Issued	<b>523</b>
Approved	<b>19</b>
Pending	<b>26</b>
Total \$ Approved	<b>\$283,500</b>

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS		OPEN	CLOSED	TODAY	CUMULATIVE
TAZEWELL (RICHLANDS)	FIXED	6/21/04	7/10/04	0	348
TOTAL				0	348

DESIGNATED COUNTIES	DAILY	CUMULATIVE
BUCHANAN (COUNTY)	<b><i>1</i></b>	<b><i>118</i></b>
LEE (COUNTY)	<b><i>1</i></b>	<b><i>98</i></b>
RUSSELL (COUNTY)	1	<b><i>328</i></b>
TAZEWELL (COUNTY)	1	<b><i>343</i></b>
TOTAL	4	<b><i>887</i></b>
UNDESIGNATED COUNTIES	DAILY	CUMULATIVE
AUGUSTA (COUNTY)	0	1
BEDFORD (COUNTY)	0	1
DICKENSON (COUNTY)	0	3
DINWIDDIE (COUNTY)	0	1
HANOVER (COUNTY)	0	1
HENRY (COUNTY)	0	1
JEFFERSON (COUNTY)	0	1
PAGE (COUNTY)	0	1
<b><i>PRINCE GEORGE (COUNTY)</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
SCOTT (COUNTY)	0	1
SMYTH (COUNTY)	0	1
SOUTHAMPTON (COUNTY)	0	1
WASHINGTON (COUNTY)	0	4
WISE (COUNTY)	0	2
TOTAL	0	<b><i>20</i></b>